

[W Paca in Council to M^r Zebdiel Potter]

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We are favored with yours of the 1st Instant. The Money received by your Brother, is the Property of his Estate, and may be disposed of as his Executor thinks proper.

[W^m Paca in Council to William Gibson Esq^r Clerk of Balt^o County Court] Ibid.

George Little, Elijah Hughes, James Little, James Hughes, Benjamin Hughes, Abraham Hays and James Norris have applied to us to remit the Fines imposed on them by Baltimore County Court at a Court held on the Tuesday before the Monday preceding the first Tuesday in October 1781. They alledge they were precipitated to Trial when only three Justices were present, and fined on the Testimony of Sarah Hughes only. We request you would give us Information as to these Facts, who composed the Court at the Time, and whether any Evidence was given, besides what Sarah Hughes deposed.

[Wm Paca in Council to The Honble General Assembly] Ibid.

We have the Honor to lay before you a Letter from Maj^r Davidson, respecting the Distresses of the Soldiers at this Post, for Want of Cloathing.

The Congress, by their Act of the 7th of August last, declare that the whole Expenditures of the United States, shall be from the Continental Treasury, and that no Credit shall be given to any State for partial Advances made to the Army or otherwise, on Account of the United States : and the Financier in almost every Letter, repeats the Declaration. Under this System, to which the Congress seem determined to adhere, we conceived it would be improper to supply the Cloathing or any other Articles, Rations excepted, which are authorized by a particular Resolution, to the Recruits raised in this State, and therefore before the Men, who are now naked, were collected, and so early as the 25th of Oct^r we wrote to the Financier and the Secretary at War, the Letters N^o 1 and 2, and received the Answers N^o 3 and 4, in which the Cloathing was promised to be prepared and forwarded to the Head of Elk, if it could be completed in Time. Since these Letters, we have heard nothing more about the Cloathing, and we have no Reason to expect it will soon be obtained. We are sensible every Deviation from the System of Congress must be attended with pernicious Consequences, and we should not think ourselves justifiable in relieving these Men from their present calamitous Situation without the Direction of the General Assembly, tho' it might be done on reasonable Terms out of a late Purchase made by the Intendant : we therefore take the Liberty to submit the Matter to the Consideration of your Honors. p. 399